MR. CHAIRMAN: He said that he is not putting any supplementary. ...(*Interruptions*)... We will not take up this Question. Mr. Malkani. ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI MD. SALIM: Sir, the protest is against the previous Question as to how it has been listed. ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: We shall look into it. ...(*Interruptions*)...

Question No. 204...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir, there is something wrong with the functioning of our Secretariat. ...(*Interruptions*)... This should not be done. ...(*Interruptions*)...

PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: The functioning of the Secretariat should not be discussed in the House. ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: We shall look into it.

The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Naphtha Based Power Projects

*203. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power projects cleared by Government with Naphtha as feed stock;

(b) the total generation in MW expected from Naphtha based projects;

(c) the average generation cost per unit;

(d) the total import of naphtha envisaged; and

(e) the annual foreign exchange outgo involved if all the projects are commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) In 1996, the Government had allocated liquid fuel for about 12,000 MW of projects to the various States. Out of this, linkages have been issued for 67 power projects with naphtha as fuel. The capacity of these projects is 7756.3 MW.

(c) The generation cost varies from project to project. However, the latest project approved by CEA in May, 1998 has an estimated levelised cost of generation of Rs. 2.80 per unit.

(d) and (e) The total import of naphtha for these projects will depend upon the overall demand, including sectors other than power and also the domestic supply position. It is not expected that all the liquid fuel based projects would materialise and it has been assessed that only 6000 MW would be commissioned during the Ninth Plan period. However, if all the 67 naphtha based projects, for which linkages have been issued, are commissioned, it is estimated that the annual import of naphtha would be 9695 TMT with a foreign exchange outgo of 1871 Million US Dollars in the terminal year of the Ninth Plan.

Admissions from various language mediums of NDA

*204. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Hindi, Urdu, Bengali, Marathi, Tamil etc. medium applicants admitted to the National Defence Academy, Khadakvasla, Pune, and

(b) the percentage of English medium applicants admitted to NDA?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):

(a) 2 per cent.

(b) 98 per cent.